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1. ALTHOUGH IT HAS STILL NOT REACTED DIRECTLY AND SPECIFICALLY TO KING HASSAN'S SAHARA MARCH ANNOUNCEMENT, GOA IS GIVING INDIRECT VENT TO ITS NEGATIVE VIEWS. MEDIA HAVE CONTINUED TO PLAY UP SPANISH REACTIONS AGAINST PLAN AND F POLISARIO'S INTENTION TO OPPOSE IT. ONE PRESS SUMMARY BROADCAST OCT. 19 CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT FOREIGN NEWS AGENCY REPORT THAT ALGERIA WAS BUILDING UP ITS MILITARY STRENGTH IN SOUTH TO COUNTER POSSIBLE MOROCCAN MOVE.

2. MOST DIRECT ATTACK ON HASSAN'S PLAN CAME IN OCT. 19 COMMUNIQUE FROM NATIONAL UNION OF ALGERIAN YOUTH. COMMUNIQUE REAFFIRMED ALGERIA'S SUPPORT OF SELF-CONFIDENTIAL

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DETERMINATION FOR SAHARA AND, WITHOUT REFERRING SPECIFICALLY

TO PROPOSED MARCH, NOTED THAT IMPERIALISM, THROUGH ITS ALLIES AND LACKEYS WAS SEEKING TO BLOCK SPANISH SELF-DETERMINATION. COMMUNIQUE THEN CALLED FOR ARAB, AFRICAN AND MOROCCAN YOUTH TO JOIN RANKS AGAINST THIS IMPERIALISM.

3. WE GATHER ALGERIANS ARE IN PROCESS IMPROVING THEIR MILITARY POSTURE VIS-A-VIS MOROCCO BUT DURING FIELD TRIP TO BECHAR-ABADLA AREA OCTOBER 17-18 EMBOFFS SAW AND HEARD NOTHING TO INDICATE FEVERISH PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY IN BOARDER AREA. THERE HAS BEEN MODEST INCREASE IN MILITARY TRAFFIC ON MAIN ROAD TO SOUTH DURING RECENT WEEKS, AND THERE APPEARED BE UNUSUAL NUMBER OF SOLDIERS ON STREETS OF BECHHAR AFTERNOON OCTOBER 18, BUT NO LARGE MOVEMENTS OF PERSONNEL OR OF TANKS, ARTILLERY OR OTHER EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN OBSERVED BY AMERICAN PERSONNEL AT ABADLA, WHO LIVE RIGHT ON HIGHWAY.
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